

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 CAPE T 00826 071554Z

60

ACTION AF-08

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 IO-13 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02

INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15

USIA-15 AID-05 EB-07 /102 W

----- 040931

R 071047Z JUL 76

FM AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5350

INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

AMCONSUL DURBAN

AMEMBASSY GABORONE

AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG

AMEMBASSY LILONGWE

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

AMEMBASSY MAPUTO

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

UNCLAS CAPE TOWN 0826

E.O.11652:N/A

TAGS: PINS, RH

SUB: RHODESIA: MAJOR RACE COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

REJECTED

REF: CAPE TOWN 786

1. AS EXPECTED, SMITH REGIME HAS REJECTED MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT OF COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, RELEASED JUNE 15 (REFTEL). BEGINNING PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE ON REPORT JULY 2, LEADER OF HOUSE REG COWPER PRESENTED GOVERNMENT'S "BROADLY BASED CONCLUSIONS." HE SAID SUGGESTION THAT 1969 LAND TENURE ACT (WHICH COMMISSION HAD IDENTIFIED AS SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT CASUE OF BLACK RESENTMENT), BE SCRAPPED AND THAT BLACKS BE ALLOWED TO PURCHASE LAND IN EUROPEAN FARMING AREAS WAS "FRAUGHT WITH PROBLEMS" AND UNACCEPTABLE.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 CAPE T 00826 071554Z

HE ALSO REJECTED COMMISSION'S CALL FOR RETURN TO COMMON VOTERS

ROLL AND ITS RECOMMENDATION THAT COURTS BE GIVEN AUTHORITY TO
RULE WHETHER AN INDIVIDUAL'S RIGHTS, AS STIPULATED IN RHODESIAN
DECLARATION OF RIGHTS, HAD BEEN VIOLATED. (AT PRESENT ONLY
PARLIAMENT CAN RULE ON ISSUES ARISING FROM DECLARATION.
COWPER SAID THAT TO CHANGE THIS SYSTEM WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE
EMULATION OF U.S. WHERE, HE
ASSERTED, COURTS HAVE BEGUN TO LEGISLATE.)
RECOMMENDATION TO ESTABLISH A PERMANENT RACE RELATIONS BOARD
WAS TOO INVOLVED AND WOULD REQUIRE CONSIDERABLY MORE STUDY,
HE SAID.

2. COWPER REITERATED GOVERNMENT'S POSITION, AS FIRST STATED
BY SMITH ON JUNE 14 THAT MANY OF REPORT'S RECOMMENDATIONS
WERE REASONABLE. SPECIFICALLY, HE ACCEPTED, AMONG OTHERS,
PRINCIPLE THAT URBAN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL LAND SHOULD BE
OPEN TO OWNERSHIP AND TRADE FOR ALL RACES, THAT ALL HOTELS BE
GIVEN OPTION TO BECOME MULTIRACIAL AND THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO
RESTRICTIONS ON MULTIRACIAL ADULT SPORT.

GAMON

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, POLITICAL SETTLEMENT, LEGISLATIVE BILLS, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 07 JUL 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976CAPET00826
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760262-0490
From: CAPE TOWN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760785/aaaacwse.tel
Line Count: 81
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 CAPE TOWN 786
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: schwenja
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 26 MAY 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <26 MAY 2004 by chengls>; APPROVED <10 AUG 2004 by schwenja>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: RHODESIA: MAJOR RACE COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS REJECTED
TAGS: PINS, RH, SF, (SMITH, IAN)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006